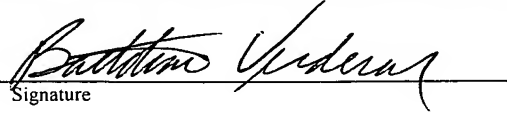


FORM PTO-1390 (REV 10-2004)		ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 4791-4015
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. 01/110,000, 24 37 2FF (51) <b>10/540376</b> TBA
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/EP2003/013983	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 10 December 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 December 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION FLUIDIZED BED METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE HEAT TREATMENT OF SOLIDS CONTAINING TITANIUM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US NUBER, Dirk; STRÖDER, Michael; STOCKHAUSEN, Werner; BEYZAVI, Ali-Naghi; FORMANEK, Lothar; and HIRSCH Martin		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected. (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> <p><b>Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or Information: Published Application with International Search Report; Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices; Written Opinion; Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report and International Preliminary Examination Report; and Return Receipt Postcard.</p>		

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee .....		\$300		\$300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee .....					
If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all					
claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....		\$100			
All other situations .....		\$200		\$200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee .....					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to					
the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....		\$100			
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office .....		\$400			
All other situations .....		\$500		\$400.00	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
34- 100 =	0/50 =		x \$250.00	\$0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total claims	37 - 20 =	17	x \$50.00	\$ 850.00	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,750.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$1,750.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				+	\$
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,750.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,750.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Amount to be charged:	\$1,750.00
a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (4791-4015) in the amount of \$1,750.00 to cover the above fees.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (4791-4015). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
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